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PATENT

Applicant: Koblish et al.

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Title: Surgical Probe For Supporting Inflatable Therapeutic Devices In Contact With Tissue In Or Around A Body Orifice And Within Tumors

Group Art Unit: 3739

Examiner: Peffley

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

DATED MAY 14, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 14, 2002, in which the examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions:

- I. A surgical probe (claims 1-28 and 33),
- II. A method of forming a lesion around an orifice (claims 29-32), and
- III. A method of coagulating tumor tissue (claims 34 and 35);

applicant provisionally elects invention I (claims 1-28 and 33) without traverse for prosecution on the merits. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected invention(s).

Early and favorable consideration of the elected invention are respectfully requested. Allowance of the claims at an early date is courteously solicited. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicants' undersigned representative at (310) 563-1458 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

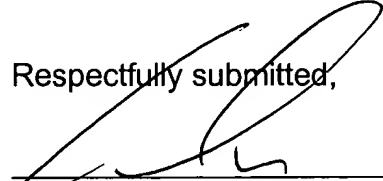
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0638. Should such fees be associated with an extension of time, applicant respectfully requests that this paper be considered a petition therefor.

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